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Frank Labadie and wife spent the week end in Niles.

Mrs. Fannie Berkenshaw is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Clapp this week.

Mrs. Sarah Barnard is in very poor health of late. She has nearly reached her 80th, milestone.

An auction sale is advertised for the late Drew Cross home in Waverly next Monday, March 17th. Attention is called to a quarter page "ad" in this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Winterscheidt entertained at six o'clock dinner last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rich and mother, Mrs. Nellie Betague, Mr. and Mrs. Roll Larkins and daughter Lena.

Jesse Dye, living west of town, owns a brood sow that he believes is entitled to the record as a mother. On Monday night last she gave birth to a litter of eighteen strong healthy pigs, every one of which is alive.

Mr. and Mrs. John Abrams entertained a party of twenty-five young people at their home last Saturday evening in honor of their son Rex. Dancing was the order of the evening. A fine lunch was served and a dandy good time reported.

There will be a special convocation of Paw Paw Chapter No. 34 R. A. M. next Monday evening, March 17th. Work in Royal Arch degree. Lunch after the work. Members of the chapter are expected to be present, and visiting companions are cordially invited.

The True Northerner was in error last week in giving the date of the village election, and as a result several ladies came down to vote on Tuesday, and were disappointed to find that the entire village ticket had been elected on Monday. We regret the error exceedingly.

David Anderson of the County Red Cross announces the annual meeting of the County Chapter, American Red Cross, indefinitely postponed last November by the Influenza epidemic, will be held in Paw Paw, Tuesday, March 18th, at ten A. M. At this time heads of Departments will be expected to give their reports of work done.

The Daughters of the Coterie will hold their meeting next week Wednesday evening in the Coterie building. The ladies of the Coterie are invited to attend. A representative of the democratic party will be present and address the ladies and demonstrate to them the reasons why they should affiliate with that party.

The only danger that the Beer and Wine amendment may carry is from over confidence on the part of those opposed to the measure. Every person who favors the amendment is sure to be at the polls on April 7th, to cast a vote. If the opponents of the measure poll their full strength, there will be danger of the return of saloons to the state. It is highly important therefore that a full vote is polled on that day.

Monday, March 31st, will be a Red Letter day for Odd Fellows in this section. The local lodge is preparing for a monster Centennial celebration on that date. Grand Master Harlan of Detroit and Grand Secretary Rogers of Lansing will be among the distinguished visitors. The celebration is for members of the fraternity and their families and friends. A supper will be served in the Memorial hall at 6:30, and the program for the evening will be in the Opera House. Keep the date in mind.

The first county "Older Boys Conference" to be held in Van Buren county will take place at Bangor, March 22 and 23. The Bangor people have pledged to entertain every Van Buren county boy of fifteen years or older who registers with the entertainment committee before March 17. Last Thanksgiving recess, thirty-nine of the older boys in the county went to the State Conference at Jackson and every one of them claims to have caught a great inspiration. This county conference is another opportunity to catch a splendid inspiration and give expression as well. There will be a number of the county boys on the program, who will speak from the boys point of view. It will be a great meeting. Get your registration card in boys, before next Monday

Mrs. Zilpha Ferguson and son Theodore were Kalamazoo visitors last Thursday.

Mrs. Harry McNeil went to Bronson hospital, Kalamazoo, last Saturday for treatment.

Mrs. Olivia Woodman left the first of the week for Lenewee county on business connected with the state grange.

Mrs. Clara Woodman was in Hartford on Monday as delegate from the Coterie to meet with the county board of women's clubs.

The jurors for the March term of Circuit Court are summoned to be in attendance on Monday, March 24th, instead of March 31st, as reported in these columns last week.

Mrs. Charles Harris who has been in poor health for some time, underwent an operation for Gall stones in Borgess hospital one day last week. It is hoped that she may be able to return to her home soon.

Don't forget that the "Bewildering Miss Felicia" is expected to reach Paw Paw some time the first of April to greet you with her cast of fourteen fascinating old maids, widows and others of dusky hue. You will say it is an all star cast when you see them.

Mr. Austin, the chicken fancier of Mattawan, is happy over the showing made by his birds at the recent poultry show in Hartford. His single comb Rhode Island Reds won several first prizes, and tied for first place with others. It was a showing to be proud of, and Mr. Austin has a right to feel "All Puffed Up".

Both the republican and democratic parties have scheduled township caucuses for tomorrow, Saturday afternoon. The republican caucus will be held in the Opera House at 2:30 P. M. and the democratic caucus in the Council rooms at the same hour. The various township officers will be placed in nomination and such other business transacted as may properly come before the caucus. Qualified women voters are expected to attend the caucus of their party affiliation and participate in its deliberation.

The proposition to pave west M street from Gremps street west to the village limits will be voted on at the election on April 7th. Petitions to bring the matter before the electors of the township have been circulated and have been freely signed. There seems to be some misunderstanding about the question in the minds of some, who have argued that this pavement would not be subject to the state highway reward. This is a mistake. The road has been surveyed and accepted as a state reward road, and will be subject to the state reward the same as if it was a pavement on some country road. This question should and probably will carry.

Mrs. Olivia Woodman states that the Lansing letter, excerpts from which were published in this paper last week, did not quote her remarks just as she made them. She did not wish to imply that the ladies of Michigan were not indebted to the men for their right of franchise. She realizes fully that without the assistance of the loyal patriotic men of Michigan women would not have been granted the right of the ballot. She realizes to, and this is the sentiment she wished to convey in her remarks at Lansing, that the great credit for the victory belongs to the women themselves for the long faithful and consistent battle for that which rightfully belonged to them.

Rev. E. E. Shouffer of Michigan City, Indiana, has been called to the Pastorate of the Baptist church of Paw Paw and will take up the work April 1st. He will also be in Paw Paw the coming Sunday, the 16th, and fill the pulpit. The Church are rejoicing over the fact that they are now to have a pastor,—having been without one since about July 1st, when Rev. C. H. Heaton left for Chaplain's Training school. Rev. Heaton has recently been discharged from service and has accepted a call to the South Lansing Baptist church, at Lansing, Michigan, and will begin his work there April 1st. This is a very promising field, and his many friends in Paw Paw are glad he is not leaving the state. He is engaged in Coldwater during the month of March, where he is conducting a Financial campaign for that church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Howe were in Kalamazoo last Saturday.

"Old Aunt Sally" with "Miss Felicia" is a good natured old soul, only a trifle bossy.

Mrs. Roy Tuttle has been assisting in the County Treasurer's office during the past week.

Leo Warner was home for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Warner on Friday last.

The Third Division of the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will serve an Easter Tea. The date and particulars will be announced at a later date.

Mrs. Delia MacLaren is enjoying a visit from her daughter, Mrs. Byron C. Ingalls of Toledo, Ohio, who arrived Tuesday and expects to remain several weeks.

Mrs. Merrett, returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Miller on Monday. Mrs. Merrett had been a guest of her daughter in Jackson for the past ten weeks.

Next Wednesday will be "Ye Olde Time" day at the Coterie, in charge of program committee and officers. Old time music, recitations, etc. Members, so far as possible, are asked to appear in "Olde Time Costume."

The third number of the Paw Paw Lyceum course will be "The Century Lyceum orchestra" at the Opera House Thursday evening, March 20th. This is a six piece orchestra and comes highly recommended. A real musical treat is anticipated.

Miss Elva Packer was called to Hartford last Thursday to attend the funeral of her niece, Mrs. Irving E. Johnson, who died at her home in Lafayette, Indiana after a brief illness of pneumonia. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Spaulding of Hartford, and was twenty-one years of age.

Manager Reeves announces the following attractions for Friday and Saturday nights of this week and Sunday night. Friday and Saturday, "The Lone Wolf" featuring Bert Lytell and Hazel Dawn. Eight reels an da fine picture at regular prices. Sunday:—"His Birthright" featuring the celebrated Japanese actor, Sessue Hayakawa. Several big features are coming during the month of April, including "To Hell with the Kaiser" and Theda Bara in "Cleopatra."

The following is taken from a letter from E. W. Green of Hillsdale, enclosing remittance for subscription renewal:—I want to keep in touch with Paw Paw and vicinity. Its where I spent twenty-three years of my middle life (three miles east) and enjoyed very many pleasant associations. Its where my two boys, Burt F. and George W. were born, and received their early education, graduating from Paw Paw High in 88 and 89. Am always interested in the school items. Was especially so, in the article entitled "The League of Nations" by Miss Lena Maxham. It was fine and represents true Americanism.

The operette, "The Pennant" will be given by the schools as a number on the Lyceum Course, the evening of March 27 and 28. Miss Brumstead has charge of the music, Miss England the Dialogue, and Miss Sullivan is accompanist. Following is the cast of characters:—Jack Lawson, Mitt Dow; Lord Woody Rich, Vincent Lewis; Levi Lender, Donald Nash; Verdant Green, Edison Root; Jeremiah Bond, Lloyd Holcomb; Bennie Owen, Nelson Waters; Mason, Irvin Fisher; Harding, Frank Newlands; Doris Bond, Irene Gibbs; Mrs. Jeremiah Bond, Frieda Grasshorn; Mrs. Reno Grass, Inez Page; Miss Sweet, Alice Tubbs; Miss Young, Rachel Bailey. Girls Chorus:—Irene Gibbs, Edith Baxter, Avanelle Hincley, Mary Snow, Lynlow Davis, Helen McFarlin, Blanche Cavanaugh, Gertrude Bailey, Margaret Root, Marjorie Nunnerly, Irene Wilson, Zelma Richardson, Ruth Hincley, Inez Page, Frieda Grasshorn, Martha Thayer, Jane Buckley, Dorothy Tuttle, Lena Maxham, Frieda Shaefer, Gertrude Adriance, Helen Reynolds, Rachel Bailey, Alice Tubbs, Coral Van Wiltenburg. Boys' chorus:—Mitt Dow, Nelson Waters, Edison Root, Kenneth Van Tassel, Vincent Lewis, Irvin Fisher, Alfred Lee, John Dillon, Maxwell Jennings, Fred Yowler, Robert Webb, Devere Fish, Lloyd Holcomb, Frank Newlands, Harold Frans.

A new baby girl came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ela Curtis last Tuesday.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Howe died last Monday. The little one lived but two days after birth.

Mrs. Wm. Welch came from Grand Rapids on Wednesday to spend a few days among Paw Paw friends.

Special communication of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday evening, March 18th. Work in the First degree.

Attention is called in this issue to the finely written article on the League of Nations, written by Tom Poole, one of the seniors of the high school.

There were 5,296 deaths reported to the Department of State in Michigan during the month of January and 6,359 births during the same period of time.

All members of the Royal Neighbor Lodge are requested to be at the Memorial hall on Tuesday evening, March 18th, at six o'clock. The ladies will be guests of the gentlemen for supper.

Sheriff Lang apprehended one Edward Slack in Alma last Saturday who is wanted in Allegan on a charge of rape. He is twenty-one years of age and hails from Otsego. The sheriff of Allegan county came for him the first of the week.

A dispatch from Detroit states that Miss Ida Hill of Paw Paw, who has served as nurse in France for the past year, arrived in New York in charge of a Michigan Unit of Chateau Thierry Heroines last Sunday. Miss Hill is acting head nurse of the party and stated that these young women spent many weeks at a time just behind the front lines in Field Hospitals under fire. One entire team was cited for bravery at St. Mihiel, Verdun and in the Argonne. Miss Hill is the daughter of H. P. Hill of this place, and excerpts of one of her letters to her father were published in these columns last week.

M. C. Wheaton and daughters were happily surprised the first of the week to receive through the mails from Washington D. C., a Lieutenant's Commission in the Field Artillery for his son Harold L. Wheaton. The commission was mailed to Harold's home address instead of France for the reason that he is scheduled to leave for the states soon, and may possibly be on the way now. The young man who has been thus honored enlisted for service early last year and reported for duty at Columbus, Ohio. He went over Seas as a private in May and was in action several of the big battles of the war up to and including the "Argonne Forest" where he received shrapnel wounds which confined him to a base hospital for a period of two months or more. He was promoted by the war department from private to Lieutenant for meritorious conduct and valor on the field of battle. The commission is an added honor for the returning hero, and is a source of much pride and satisfaction to the father, sisters and brothers.

Doris, the five year old daughter of Mrs. Hazel North Bailey was brought here from Grand Rapids for burial last Sunday. She was stricken with Scarlet fever at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Royal T. Hall in Grand Rapids, and passed away after an illness of only a week. The funeral was held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lake, Rev. Percy Nickless officiating. The grandmother, Mrs. Bertha North, came from Chicago, and her uncle Royal T. Hall from Grand Rapids, but the mother was denied the last sad duty on account of the illness with the same disease of a younger daughter which necessitated a quarantine. Mrs. Bailey, and children have spent their summers with her mother, Mrs. Bertha North here on North Kalamazoo street, where little Doris was the pride and joy of the household, and the delight of the friends and neighbors. She was an exceedingly bright lovable child, and it seems a pity that she could not have been spared. The family are exceedingly grateful in their sorrow to the kind neighbors and friends. For the beautiful flowers, to Mr. Nickless and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Lake. The sympathy extended and kindness shown will tend to lessen the sorrow of the bereaved ones.

Lieutenant Frank Isbell made a business trip to Kalamazoo Monday.

Mrs. Vera Ford Immell and sister Miss Leta Ford of Battle Creek were guests of Mrs. Bennett McKinstry last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Donald Payne who has been the guest of Paw Paw friends for the past six weeks returned to her home in Chicago on Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha North left for Grand Rapids on Friday to be with her daughters, Halo and Hazel and families during their bereavement over the death of little Doris.

Bill Killefer left for California the first of the week. He goes in advance of his team mates of the Chicago Cubs, and will do some preliminary work with the team of which Wade Killefer is manager. He goes to Los Angeles and will join the Cubs at Pasadena on their arrival there for the spring training season.

Next Sunday evening the Union service will be held in the Christian church. A splendid program is being planned. There will be a good choir and plenty of music. Rev. Arthur Trott will preach on the subject "Why Not Now?" Mr. Trott always has a vital and inspiring message, and Sunday evening will be no exception. Come and hear the Gospel in song and story.

Mrs. Caroline Simmons Lyons was burned to death in her home in the village of Lawrence last Monday evening. The house was discovered to be on fire about six o'clock in the evening, and the charred remains of the aged woman was found on the floor. The flames were extinguished by the fire department with but little loss to the property. Mrs. Lyons was past eighty years of age and lived alone. Broken pieces of a kerosene lamp on the floor would indicate that she either dropped the lamp, or that it exploded scattering oil over her clothing and that the flames quickly burned her to death.

Senator Bayard G. Davis of Lawton one of the leaders of the Farmers' Clubs in the present session at Lansing, spent Sunday with his cousin, Truman Gillette. Mr. Davis is the author of the uniform text book bill that has created so much furor among educational men, besides other progressive legislation. He is a good debater and divides time with "Herb" Baker, the other spokesman for the farmers in the senate. Davis is a first term, but he has already distinguished himself as a leader. Senator Davis was born in Aurelius, the other side of Eaton Rapids. Mrs. Davis was with him at the Gillette home.—Charlotte Republican.

The True Northerner is in receipt of a splendid article from the pen of Mrs. Dana P. Smith, giving some of the imperative reasons why the women of Michigan should wake up on the "Wine and Beer amendment", and we regret the impossibility of giving the communication space in full in this issue. Mrs. Smith states that she has heard the argument advanced that many boys died at Camp Custer during the epidemic for want of liquor, and of course brands the argument as an absurd falsehood. The women of the land should heed Mrs. Smith's warning, and keep thoroughly awake from this time until after the votes are all cast on election day.

Fred Wilbur Hoyt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hoyt, passed away at his home in Waverly Saturday morning, March 8th, 1919, at 8:00 o'clock. Freddie was born at Dowagiac, Michigan, September 27th, 1905, being 13 years, five months and eleven days of age at the time of his death. He was taken ill with Influenza on February 28th, which developed into pneumonia. After seven days of patient suffering the end came. Freddie, as he was known to his family and friends, was of a very cheerful and sunny disposition. He made many friends and was a kind and affectionate son and brother. He leaves to mourn him, the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hoyt, one brother, Marvin, and a sister, Goldie, his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gad Gilbert of Pine Grove and Mrs. Leah Masten of Paw Paw. There are also a large number of other relatives, besides a host of sympathizing friends. The funeral was held at the home in Waverly on Monday with Rev. Tinkham of Covey Hill officiating. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Old Pine Grove.

Don't forget the "Older Boys Conference" at Bangor, March 22 and 23.

Preston Haworth who has been quite ill, is much improved at this time.

Carl Markillie who has been in army service for nearly a year, has been mustered from the service and is at home again.

Ensign Arthur Nunn is enjoying a ten days furlough in Paw Paw. He will report in New York City for Marine Duty.

Mrs. Cordelia Libbie left on Monday for Oak Park, Illinois for an extended visit at the home of her grand daughter.

The heaviest snow storm of the year occurred last Saturday night. About ten inches of snow covered the ground on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Showerman returned on Wednesday from their sojourn in California. They report a delightful trip.

The Presbyterian church was filled last Sunday evening to hear that splendid address, "With the British Army in Mesopotamia" by Herbert J. Stickler of Chicago.

Earl W. Bangs, Mrs. Edwin F. Webb and Ralph Marten are among those from this section who recently finished short courses of instruction at the M. A. C.

Miss Betta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ayars underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo last week, and is recovering nicely from the same.

Attorney Carl Mosier of Dowagiac who has been sick with a siege of Scarlet Fever for the past two months is now able to be up and around. His mother, Mrs. Wm. C. Mosier who has been in Dowagiac to assist in his care has returned to her home here.

Charley Giddings is now doing business in the Sellick store building. He will carry a fine line of accessories and oils, and is ready to demonstrate the celebrated Overland line of cars. Attention is called to his advertising space in this issue.

Little Miss Mary Ellen arrived to gladden the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Avery last Thursday. She seems to be perfectly satisfied with her surroundings, and will remain permanently. Mother and babe are fine, and Frank is as pleased as a school boy with a pair of new red top boots.

Julio Sheldon was united in marriage to Mrs. Ella McCutcheon of Chicago, on Thursday last week. The ceremony was performed at the home of her nephew, Glenn Shipman of Kalamazoo, and the happy couple came direct to the Sheldon home on North Kalamazoo street in this village on Friday to spend their honeymoon. The True Northerner joins the Paw Paw friends in congratulations.

Ezra Levin, Muck Crop Extension Specialist from East Lansing, will spend the day of March 17th, 1919 at Paw Paw. A meeting for the growers of all other interested parties with a morning and afternoon session will be held at the Court House in the office of the Farm Bureau, which will give every one a chance to meet Mr. Levin and have him help to figure out some of the problems met in this type of agriculture.

The cottillion given by Mr. and Mrs. L. Higgs at the Maple City club rooms last Friday evening, was the social event of the season in Paw Paw. It marked the close of a very successful series of dancing lessons by these competent instructors. Should they decide to organize another class next season, we predict a much larger membership than this season. The Children's classes are still in progress and a cottillion for them will be arranged at the close of the series.

Harvey A. Sherman was in Lansing last week Wednesday, and while there had the pleasure of observing Senator B. G. Davis in action. Mr. Davis was selected as chairman of the committee of the whole, being the first one of the new members to be appointed to that important position. Harvey reports that Senator Davis performed like a "Veteran". During the consideration of the "Film Censorship" bill a motion was made to exempt from the operation of the law, the "Theda Bara Pictures." Senator Davis quickly saw the joke and referred the amendment to the Committee on Public Highways.